(b) whether Government is also aware that these heavily crowed public places, have been security hazards and easy targets for terrorist strike in the country;

(c) whether Government conducted any survey to find out security infrastructure in these Malls; and

(d) how many of these have been found lacking and what action has been taken by Government against these Establishments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The concerned Management/Authority of the Cinema halls and Malls is primarily responsible for the security of these places. Under the Vllth Schedule of the Constitution of India, it is the constitutional responsibility of the State Governments and UT Administrations to protect the public and property within their territorial Jurisdiction. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs also issues necessary advisories for strengthening the security of such places to the concerned States and Union Territories on receipt of specific threat inputs.

Institute for natural calamity in Himalayan region

†345. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research institute is functioning in the Himalayan region for study of various factors and nature of natural calamities;

(b) whether there is any scheme to prepare trained manpower in the States situated in such regions to face these calamities occurring every year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a proposal to open any training institute to meet this target; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Ministry of Home Affairs have not established any institute in the Himalayan region for study of various factors and nature of natural calamities.

(b) and (c) The Government has set up the National Institute of Disaster Management in New Delhi under the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, with the responsibility *inter-alia* of planning and promoting training and research in the area of disaster management. The institute, for the discharge of its functions under the Act, may *inter-alia* provide assistance to training and research institute for development of training and research programmes for stakeholders, including Government functionaries, and undertake training of faculty members of the State level training institutes. It may also provide any other assistance as may be required by the State Governments of the State training institutes for capacity building of stakeholders, Government including its functionaries, civil society members, corporate sector and people's elected representatives. Apart from this, the Government has been supporting the Administrative Training Institutes or other training institutes identified by the State Governments in operation of a faculty/centre of disaster management for training and orientation of Government functionaries and other stakholders in the States in the field of disaster management National programmes for building up of the capacity of engineers and architects in earthquake risk management are also under implementation in all the States. The State Governments have also been advised to develop Search & Rescue teams by converting the existing companies/battalions of the State Forces. They have been requested to procure necessary training equipment after which the Government would depute master trainers from the Central Paramillitary Forces to impart

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training in Medical First Response and Collapsed Structure Search & Rescue to the indentified trainers of the States in their designated state level nodal training institutes.

(d) and (e) There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry of Home Affairs for establishing an institute in the Himalayan region for training in disaster management.

Reforming of police force

346. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether if is a fact that incidents of police exceeding their briefs have been increasing and where policemen found hurling insults and dragging suspected people publicly;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents and action taken against the erring policemen during the last one year; and

(c) the steps taken to reform police force and make them alive towards the dignity of citizens of a free nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per Constitution, 'Public Order" and 'Police' are the State subjects and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to maintain law and order in their States, ensure safety and security of their people and take action against the erring policemen in such cases. However, some incidents of police exceeding their briefs have been reported.

(c) Inputs on Protection of Human Rights have been included in the basic as well as in-service courses of Police personnel of all ranks. State Police Forces and Central Police Forces have also been organizing special courses on "Use of Scientific Techniques in Investigation" "Protection of Human Rights", "Crime against Women", "Crime against SC/ST and Weaker Sections" BPR&D have also been organizing courses on Scienfitic Investigation for the benefit of Police Personnel of States and Central Police Forces. BPR&D has also been organizing courses on Image building, Good Governance, Ethical Issues, Use of Technology in Crime Prevention, Police: Reaching out to Minorities etc. to sensitize senior Police Officers on these relevant issues. Directives on aspects of functioning and conduct of police were also issued by the supreme Court in Writ Petition (Crl.) No. 539 of 1986, D.K. Basu *Vs.* The State of West Bengal and others regarding procedural safeguards to be adopted for effecting arrest and detention of an accused in custody. The' State Governments have been asked to implement the directives given by the Supreme Court.

ULFA Camps in Bangladesh and Nepal

†347. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the terrorist camps of ULFA terrorist organisation are being operated in large number in Bangladesh and Nepal;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact the ULFA has its links with the political parties of Bangladesh and it also provides them financial help;

(c) whether Government had made any request to the Government of Bangladesh and Nepal to take any action in this regard; and

(d) whether these countries have taken any action in this regard?

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